

Remarks

Claims 11-35 and 38-39 have been canceled without prejudice to resubmission. Claims 1-2, 5 7-10 and 36-37 have been amended. New claims 40-57 have been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-10, 36-37 and 40-57 will be pending in the present application.

Basis for new claims 40-45 can be found at page 12, lines 3-28 of the specification. Basis for new claims 46-49 can be found at page 9, lines 3-21 of the specification. Basis for new claims 50-57 can be found at page 3, lines 1-13 of the specification.

Restriction has been required between:

Group I – Claims 1-10 and 36-39¹ drawn to a connector, and

Group II – Claims 11-35 drawn to an applicator.

In response to the restriction, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-10 and 36-39, with traverse.

The Examiner has also required the applicant to elect a species of the claimed invention. In response, the applicant elects Species 1: Figures 1-3. Claims 1-9, 36-37 and 40-57 read on the elected species.

The drawings have been objected to on the basis of their poor quality. By this amendment, the applicant has provided formal drawings in order to overcome this objection.

The specification was objected to on the basis that the Abstract does use proper language and format. A new abstract has been provided in order to overcome this objection.

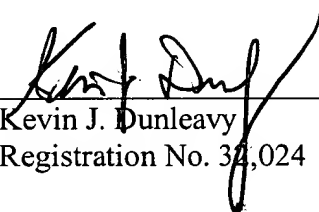
The specification was objected to on the basis that the title of the Invention is not descriptive. A new title of the invention has been provided in order to overcome this objection.

¹ Claims 38-39 are actually drawn to an applicator and thus the applicant has assumed for the purpose of this response that claims 38-39 should have been included in Group II rather than Group I.

Favorable consideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are requested.

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